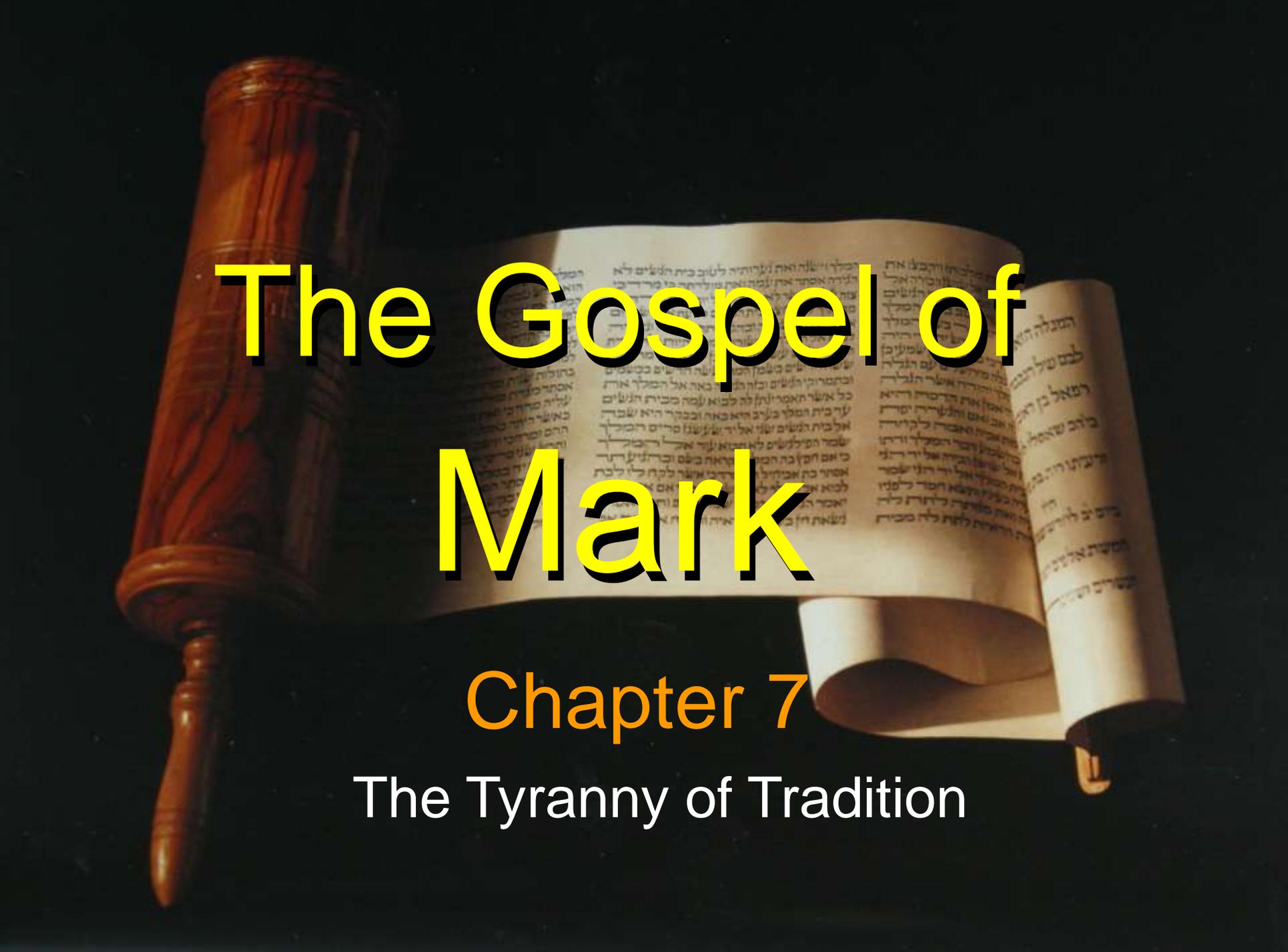
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The Gospel of Mark

Christ the Servant

The Miracles of Jesus

40 Miracles of Jesus					
#	Miracle	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
1	Jesus Turns Water into Wine at the Wedding in Cana				2:1-11
2	Jesus Heals an Official's Son at Capernaum in Galilee				4:43-54
3	Jesus Drives Out an Evil Spirit From a Man in Capernaum		1:21-27	4:31-36	
4	Jesus Heals Peter's Mother-in-Law Sick With Fever	8:14-15	1:29-31	4:38-39	
5	Jesus Heals Many Sick and Oppressed at Evening	8:16-17	1:32-34	4:40-41	
6	First Miraculous Catch of Fish on the Lake of Gennesaret			5:1-11	
7	Jesus Cleanses a Man With Leprosy	8:1-4	1:40-45	5:12-14	
8	Jesus Heals a Centurion's Paralyzed Servant in Capernaum	8:5-13		7:1-10	
9	Jesus Heals a Paralytic Who Was Let Down From the Roof	9:1-8	2:1-12	5:17-26	
10	Jesus Heals a Man's Withered Hand on the Sabbath	12:9-14	3:1-6	6:6-11	
11	Jesus Raises a Widow's Son From the Dead in Nain			7:11-17	
12	Jesus Calms a Storm on the Sea	8:23-27	4:35-41	8:22-25	
13	Jesus heals man possessed with 'Legion' & casts spirits into pigs	8:28-33	5:1-20	8:26-39	
14	Jesus Heals a Woman in the Crowd With an Issue of Blood	9:20-22	5:25-34	8:42-48	
15	Jesus Raises Jairus' Daughter Back to Life	9:18, 23-26	5:21-24, 35-43	8:40-42, 49-56	
16	Jesus Heals Two Blind Men	9:27-31			
17	Jesus Heals a Man Who Was Unable to Speak	9:32-34			
18	Jesus Heals an Invalid at Bethesda				5:1-15
19	Jesus Feeds 5,000 Plus Women and Children	14:13-21	6:30-44	9:10-17	6:1-15
20	Jesus Walks on Water	14:22-33	6:45-52		6:16-21
21	Jesus Heals Many Sick in Gennesaret as They Touch His Garment	14:34-36	6:53-56		
22	Jesus Heals a Gentile Woman's Demon-Possessed Daughter	15:21-28	7:24-30		
23	Jesus Heals a Deaf and Dumb Man		7:31-37		
24	Jesus Feeds 4,000 Plus Women and Children	15:32-39	8:1-13		
25	Jesus Heals a Blind Man at Bethsaida		8:22-26		
26	Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind by Spitting in His Eyes				9:1-12
27	Jesus Heals a Boy With an Unclean Spirit	17:14-20	9:14-29	9:37-43	
28	Miraculous Temple Tax in a Fish's Mouth	17:24-27			
29	Jesus Heals a Blind, Mute Demoniac	12:22-23		11:14-23	
30	Jesus Heals a Woman Who Had Been Crippled for 18 Years			13:10-17	
31	Jesus Heals a Man With Dropsy on the Sabbath			14:1-6	
32	Jesus Cleanses Ten Lepers on the Way to Jerusalem			17:11-19	
33	Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead in Bethany				11:1-45
34	Jesus Restores Sight to Bartimaeus in Jericho	20:29-34	10:46-52	18:35-43	
35	Jesus Withers the Fig Tree on the Road From Bethany	21:18-22	11:12-14		
36	Jesus Heals a Servant's Severed Ear While He Is Being Arrested			22:50-51	
37	The Resurrection	28:1-10	16:1-8	24:1-8	20:1-17
38	Jesus' appearance in the locked room Resurrection day		16:14	24:33-43	
39	Jesus' appearance in the locked room 8 days later				20:24-29
40	The Second Miraculous Catch of Fish at the Sea of Tiberias				21:4-11



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Chapter 7

The Tyranny of Tradition

The Tyranny of Tradition

6 ...ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition.

Matthew 15:6

- The *Mishnah*, a compilation of Jewish oral traditions made at the end of the 2nd century A.D.
 - “Tradition is a fence around the law.”

The Tyranny of Tradition

- The Jews viewed tradition as protecting God's Holy Word and assisted His people in keeping it.
- This probably began with good intentions, but ultimately produced some famous absurdities.
- In the effort to protect the Sabbath from being broken by inadvertent labour, the devout were given an amazing list of prohibitions—“fences.”

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- You could not look into a mirror
 - lest a gray hair might be plucked;
- You couldn't wear false teeth on Shabbatt
 - lest they fall out and picking them up is work
- The rabbis debated about a man with a wooden leg: if his home caught fire, could he retrieve it on the Sabbath?
- If someone spit on the Sabbath he had to take care of where it landed:
 - if it landed in the dirt and was scuffed with his sandal it would be cultivating the soil and thus performing work.

Mark: Chapter 7

- 1 Then came together unto him the Pharisees, and certain of the scribes, which came from Jerusalem.
- 2 And when they saw some of his disciples eat bread with defiled, that is to say, with unwashen, hands, they found fault.

Mark 7:1-2

Mark: Chapter 7

- 3 For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, except they wash their hands oft, eat not, holding the tradition of the elders.
- 4 And when they come from the market, except they wash, they eat not. And many other things there be, which they have received to hold, as the washing of cups, and pots, brasen vessels, and of tables.

Mark 7:3-4

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- This had nothing to do with personal hygiene, nor were they commanded by the Law.
- These professionals were the theological “hit-men.” They were upset every time that Jesus undermined their authority over the people and their traditions.
- The biggest concern of the *Mishnah* (186 pages) was “cleannesses,” including ritual washing.
- This originated from the Biblical command that all priests must wash their hands (Ex 30:19; 40:12),
- All pious Jews began to do it about 200 B.C.

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- A rabbi who once omitted washing his hands before eating bread was excommunicated.
- It is reported that another rabbit who suffered imprisonment under the Romans nearly died because he used his ration of drinking water to ritually wash himself
- Ultimately, the concept of true inner purity had been trivialized to a system of external washings.
- This not only indicated a wrong attitude toward people, they also conveyed a wrong idea of the nature of sin and personal holiness.

Mark: Chapter 7

- 5 Then the Pharisees and scribes asked him, Why walk not thy disciples according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashen hands?
- 6 He answered and said unto them, Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me.

Mark 7:5-6

Mark: Chapter 7

- 7 Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.
- 8 For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do.
- 9 And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition.

Mark 7:7-9

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- *He who expounds the Scriptures in opposition to the tradition has no share in the world to come.*
 - Rabbi Eleazer
- *It is a greater offense to teach anything contrary to the voice of the Rabbis than to contradict the Scripture itself.*
 - The Mishna

Mark: Chapter 7

¹⁰ For Moses said, Honour thy father and thy mother; and, Whoso curseth father or mother, let him die the death:

¹¹ But ye say, If a man shall say to his father or mother, It is Corban, that is to say, a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me; he shall be free.

Mark 7:10-11

Mark: Chapter 7

12 And ye suffer him no more to do ought for his father or his mother;

13 Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye.

Mark 7:12-13

Mark: Chapter 7

14 And when he had called all the people unto him, he said unto them, Hearken unto me every one of you, and understand:

15 There is nothing from without a man, that entering into him can defile him: but the things which come out of him, those are they that defile the man.

Mark 7:14-15

Mark: Chapter 7

- 16 If any man have ears to hear, let him hear.
- 17 And when he was entered into the house from the people, his disciples asked him concerning the parable.
- 18 And he saith unto them, Are ye so without understanding also? Do ye not perceive, that whatsoever thing from without entereth into the man, it cannot defile him;

Mark 7:16-18

Mark: Chapter 7

- 19 Because it entereth not into his heart, but into the belly, and goeth out into the draught, purging all meats?
- 20 And he said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man.

Mark 7:19-20

Mark: Chapter 7

21 For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders,

22 Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness:

23 All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.

Mark 7:21-23

Mark: Chapter 7

- 24 And from thence he arose, and went into the borders of Tyre and Sidon, and entered into an house, and would have no man know it: but he could not be hid.
- 25 For a certain woman, whose young daughter had an unclean spirit, heard of him, and came and fell at his feet:

Mark 7:24-25

Mark: Chapter 7

- 26 The woman was a Greek, a Syrophenician by nation; and she besought him that he would cast forth the devil out of her daughter.
- 27 But Jesus said unto her, Let the children first be filled: for it is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it unto the dogs.

Mark 7:26-27

Mark: Chapter 7

28 And she answered and said unto him, Yes, Lord: yet the dogs under the table eat of the children's crumbs.

29 And he said unto her, For this saying go thy way; the devil is gone out of thy daughter.

30 And when she was come to her house, she found the devil gone out, and her daughter laid upon the bed.

Mark 7:28-30

Mark: Chapter 7

- 31 And again, departing from the coasts of Tyre and Sidon, he came unto the sea of Galilee, through the midst of the coasts of Decapolis.
- 32 And they bring unto him one that was deaf, and had an impediment in his speech; and they beseech him to put his hand upon him.

Mark 7:31-32



Banias

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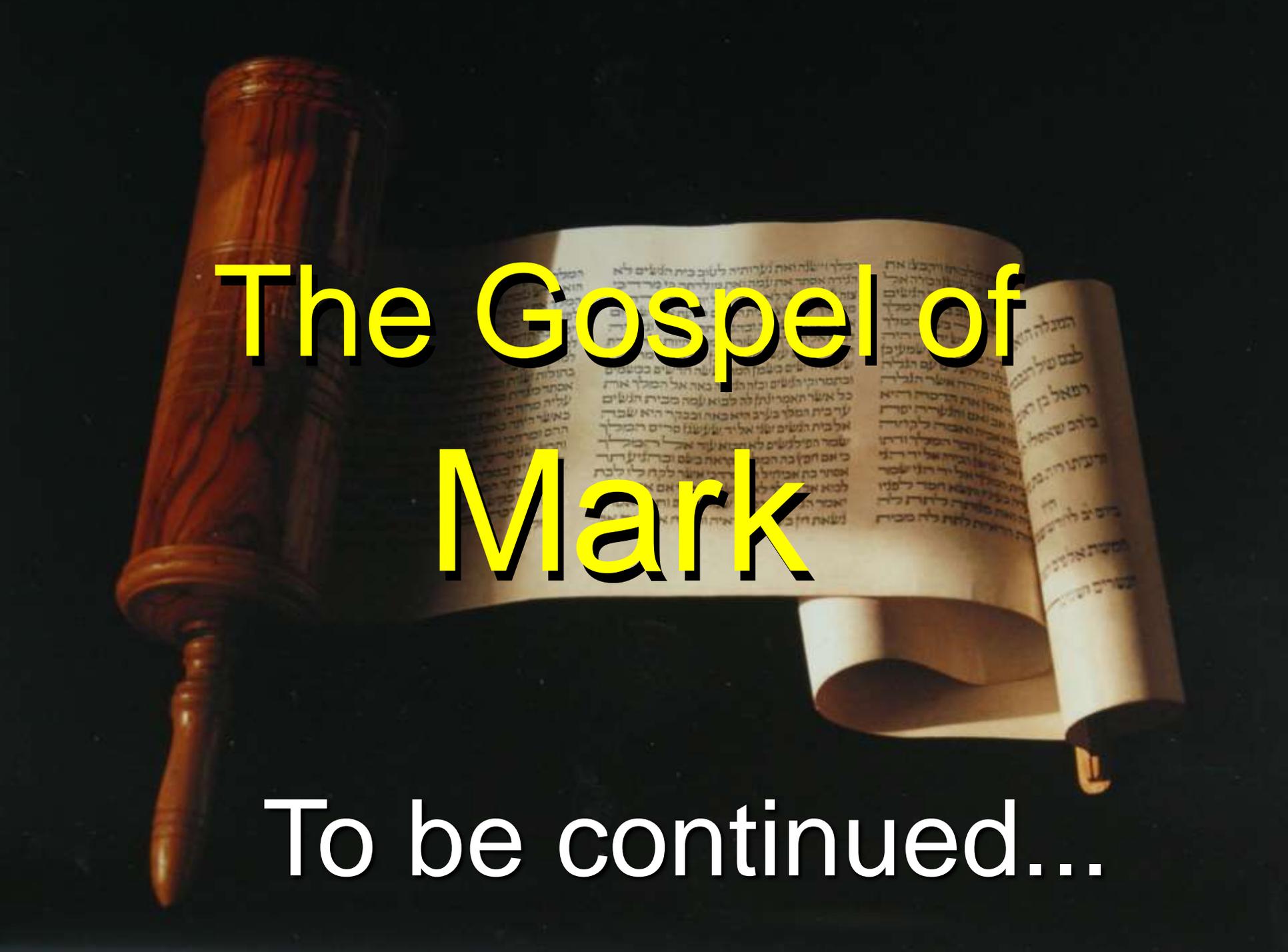
- 33 And he took him aside from the multitude, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spit, and touched his tongue;
- 34 And looking up to heaven, he sighed, and saith unto him, Ephphatha, that is, Be opened.
- 35 And straightway his ears were opened, and the string of his tongue was loosed, and he spake plain.

Mark 7:33-35

Mark: Chapter 7

- 36 And he charged them that they should tell no man: but the more he charged them, so much the more a great deal they published it;
- 37 And were beyond measure astonished, saying, He hath done all things well: he maketh both the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak.

Mark 7:36-37

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